720. *Transferred to the 27th July, 1992.]*

Completion of strategic roads in Tripura

721. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the strategic roads in Tripura;

(b) whether all these stragic roads have been completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) There are 7 roads under Strategic Roads Programme in Tripura. The names of these roads are given below:—

S. No.	Name of roads
1	Agartala-Udaipur-Santirbazar Road
2	Santirbazar-Manubazar Road
3	Manubazar-Upendranagar Road
4	Bisramganj-Sonamura Road (via Melagarh)
5	Bogafo-Belonia Road
6	Taliampura-Amarpur-Udaipur Road
7	Agartala-Singerbil Road

Improvement works on these roads are almost complete except 7 bridge works, out of which 4 bridges are in various stages of progress and the remaining 3 are yet to be taken up.

Strike by All India Motor Transport Congress

722. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Motor Transport Congress had given a Call for Nation Wide indefinite strike in support of their demands;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted their demands;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what alternative arrangement Government have made to ritigate difficulties of the people and to check the prices of essential commodities like vegetables etc., during the stike period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The demands raised by All India Motor Transport Congress and main gist of Government's reply thereto are given in the statement (see below).

(d) The Government closely monitored the situation arising out of the strike and intrusted the State Governments to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential commodities.

Statement

List of Demands raised by All India Motor Transport Congress and main gist of reply by Government

(1) & (2): *PATKAR & OCTROI:*

It was noted with reference to the demand for abolition of pathkar that the matter is pending before the Supreme Court in a writ petition filed by the All India Motor Transport Congress.: Government would await the decision of the Supreme Court on the issue.

The Government have decided to abolish octroi from all Union Territories.